

CROP REPORT



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2005 Planting Intentions

The following data are the results of Oregon Agricultural Statistics Services's March Agricultural Survey, which asked farmers and ranchers across Oregon about their plans for the 2005 crop year. Thank you to each person who supplied data to help make this report possible.

These estimates will be updated in the June Acreage report to be released on June 30, 2005.

Oregon

Winter wheat growers planted an estimated 870,000 acres for harvest in 2005, an increase of 6 percent when compared to last year but down 10 percent from 2003. **Spring wheat** planted acreage intentions are estimated at 150,000, down 30,000 acres from 2004, but 5,000 acres higher than 2003.

Acres planted and to be planted to **corn** are estimated at 50,000 acres. This is down 14 percent from last year and 2 percent from 2003.

Barley acreage is expected to total 75,000 acres, no change from last year. In 2003, Oregon barley producers planted 70,000 acres, the lowest total since 1927.

Oats planted acreage intentions, at 45,000 acres, are down 5,000 acres from last year and the lowest planted acreage since 1999.

Sugarbeet acreage in Oregon is expected to total 7,000 acres, the lowest total since 1979. In 2004, 13,000 acres were planted.

Dry bean intentions are estimated at 8,000 acres, no change from 2004.

Oregon producers intend to harvest 1.13 million acres of **all hay**, unchanged from last year's acreage, but up 3 percent from 2003.

United States

Winter Wheat planted area for the 2005 crop is estimated at 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2004, but virtually unchanged from the December Winter Wheat Seedings report. **Spring Wheat** growers intend to plant 14.4 million acres this year, up 4 percent from 2004.

An estimated 81.4 million acres of **corn** will be planted for all purposes in 2005, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be largest corn acreage since 1985.

Barley acreage is expected to total 3.97 million acres, down 12 percent from last year and, if realized, the lowest since barley planted acreage estimates began in 1926.

Oats acres seeded and to be seeded for 2005 are expected to total 4.27 million acres, up 4 percent from last year's planted area.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** is expected to total 1.30 million acres, 3 percent below last year.

Prospective plantings of **dry beans** in the U.S. totals 1.66 million acres, up 23 percent from last year and 18 percent above 2 years ago.

Hay producers expect to harvest 62.9 million acres of all hay in 2005, up 2 percent from last year.

Crops summary: Area planted, Oregon and United States, 2003-2005

Crop	Oregon				United States			
	Area planted ¹			2005/2004	Area planted ¹			2005/2004
	2003	2004	2005 ²		2003	2004	2005 ²	
Wheat, winter	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Percent	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Percent
Wheat, spring	970	820	870	106	45,384	43,350	41,613	96
Barley, all	145	180	150	83	13,842	13,763	14,371	104
Oats	70	75	75	100	5,348	4,527	3,974	88
Corn, all field	60	50	45	90	4,597	4,085	4,267	104
Hay, all ³	51	58	50	86	78,603	80,930	81,413	101
Dry edible beans	1,100	1,130	1,130	100	63,383	61,916	62,940	102
Sugarbeets	10.0	13.0	7.0	54	1,365.4	1,346.0	1,299.0	97

¹ Acres planted or to be planted for all purposes. ² Intended plantings in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers. ³ Acres intended to be harvested.